GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF WATER IN TANKERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether water was supplied in tankers which were meant to supply diesel to the Army in Ladakh;

(b) if so, since when has this malpractice been going on;

(c) whether army officers were involved in the matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against such officers and tanker owners?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(d) : A solitary incident came to the notice of the Government in July, 2005 regarding water being supplied instead of diesel in seven tankers of Indian Oil Corporation in Ladakh region of Northern Command.A Court of Inquiry was instituted by Army HQ which was completed on 30th July, 2005.

Based on the findings of the Court of Inquiry, disciplinary action has been directed against two Army officers among others.Administrative action has been taken against four other officers who were involved in incident.FIR was lodged against the civilian drivers of the Petroleum Lorries by the Police.